THE REHEARSAL.

1. A great *Change* among the *Whiggs* of Late.
2. Ther is a *Cauſe* for it. Their *Converſion* not *Intire*, they ſtill Strike at *Some* in the *Miniſtry*.
3. The *Rights* not Forgot.
4. The *Obſervator* Boaſts of his *Victory* about *Coercion*, &c.
5. His *Receit* for *Argument* and *Repartees*, given him at a *Clubb* of *Porters*.
6. The Uſe he has made of it in ſeveral Inſtances of *Cuckoo*, *Fanatick*, *Miſcreant*, *Hebrew Roots*, &c.
7. His Anſwer to the 37th *Article* as to *Godly Princes*, Conſider'd.
8. The *Whiggs* Exceed the *Pope* in *Blaſphemy*.
9. The *Obſervator* Allows Q. *Eliz.* the *Plea* of her *Sex*, but Denies it to Q. *Ann*.

SATURDAY, *March 1ſt.* 1706.

(1.) *Country-man.* HOW the World's Chang'd? *Maſter*. The *Obſervators*, *Reviews*, and Reſt of the *Scandalous Clubb*, who Pleaded the *Right* of the *Subject*, and *Liberty*, of Every True *Engliſh* Man, to Aſperſe the *Miniſtry* from Top to Bottom; to Attack his *Royal Highneſs* the Lord *High Admiral* by Name; Nay to Threaten the *Queen* her ſelf, and tell her that neither was ſhe above the *Law*; who *Legion'd* the *Parliament*, Call'd them *Traitors* and *Betrayers* of their *Truſt*, and threatn'd to Raiſe the *Magazeen* of *Original Power* upon them, yet theſe ſame Men are now Grown ſo Wondrous *Loyal*, ſo *Reſpectful* to *Government!* —— They can now ſee her *Majeſty's* Authority in Every the Meaneſt *Officer* of *Juſtice*, even after he is turn'd out of *Commiſſion*, the Caſe of the *Baker* we ſpoke of laſt. Yet the *Obſervator* Remembers two *Juſtices* of *Peace*, one in the *Strand*, the other in *Southwark*, whom he Call'd *Punch-Belly'd Dogs*, *Blood Suckers*, and all the *Names* he had Learn'd at *Billingsgate*, even when they were in the *Commiſſion* of the *Peace*, and Abuſes them as being *Juſtices* of *Peace*: He *Ridicules* the Queen's *Meſſengers* as *Hoggs* in *Armour*, and Calls them Naſty *Swine*: Nay he Appeal'd from all the *Judges* in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, as ther not being one there, in this *Reign*, who wou'd do *Juſtice*: And he Call'd the *Parliament*, in this *Reign* two, a *Pack* of *Mad Doggs*: And Repreſents the *Biſhops* in the Upper Houſe of *Convocation* a *Snarling* and *Scolding*, and Calling one another, *you Rogue*, and *you Rogue*! All which you have before Quoted out of the *Obſervators*. Yet now the *Biſhops* are the *Deareſt things* in the World to him! He's a Faithfull *Subject* to the *Queen*, and Submiſſive to the *Parliament*, as being the *Reperſentative* of the *People*! And will not ſuffer any to *Mutter* a *Hint* againſt any in the *Miniſtry*, even to a *Conſtable!* As being a *Reflection* upon her *Majeſty's* Government. Is not this a Great *Change* in theſe Men? What is the *Cauſe* of it? *Maſter*.

(2.) *Rehearſal.* Ther is a *Cauſe* for Every thing, *Country-Man*. If you ſee a *Flower* grow upon the Top of a *Wall*, it Came there ſome how or other. And no Doubt ther is a *Cauſe* for this *Change* in the *Whiggs*, ſomething or other has *Pleas'd* them. And you know who is *Good* then—— But it is ill with us, when the *Devil* is *Pleas'd*. And ther is a *Cauſe* for *That* too. Then he has Us *Faſt*.

I ſhould heartily Rejoice at the *Converſion* of the *Whiggs*, and to ſee them pay Reſpect to *Government* and *Magiſtracy*, if I thought it were *Sincere*. But I cannot think ſo, becauſe they are not Well *Pleas'd* to this Day. I have ſhew'd before *Num.* 113. How they have lately ſtruck ſtill at the *Miniſtry*. And *Point* plainly at *Two* Great Men, with whom they are not *Pleas'd*. I have told at Large their Treatment of the *Duke* of *Marlbrough* in all the *Campaigns* he has made. And how they *Eugen'd* him after the Great *Victory* at *Hotchſted*. And Leſſen'd his ſhare in *Ramellies* all that they Cou'd. They *Colepeper'd* Sir *George Rook*, and now wou'd *Rook* Sir *Thomas Dilks*. Which ſhews plainly, That they will not be *Pleas'd* while any one that is a Friend to the *Church* is in any *Poſt* either *Civil* or *Military*. And their ſeeming *Pleas'd* with what they have Got, is only in order to Get more. None ever Accus'd either *Whigg* or *Diſſenter* with doing *Half-Work*, when it was in their Power to make *Root and Branch Work*.

(3.) *Country-m.* You have Forgot the *Rights* a great while, *Maſter*, will you ſay no more to him?

Rehearſ. He ſhall ſee I have not Forgot him. A *Reſpite* is no *Pardon*. Tho' I think I have ſaid Enough to him, to make even *Heathens* Deteſt his *Blaſphemy*. But I will go on with him, and ſhew ſome of the *Products* of his Bitter *Root*. But I will not begin with him at the End of a Day, and Mix him with other Matters. Therefore if you have any thing elſe to help out with this Nights Converſation, Let's have it.

(4.) *Country-m.* The *Obſervator* has Spent 3 or 4 *Papers* in Anſwer to you, about the *Queen* being *Head* of the *Church*. And he will Certainly ſay he has *Routed* you upon that *Point*, as he has ſaid about *Coercion*, if you ſay nothing to him, and let him have the *Laſt Word*.

Rehearſ. He will have the *Laſt Word*. Ther's no Hindering him. For he ſpeaks ſo *Wide* from the *Point*, that to *Anſwer* him wou'd be *Leaving* it too. Let any one Read what from

he and I have ſaid about *Coercion*. And if he has *Anſwer'd* any one *Argument* that I brought; And if I have not *Anſwer'd* every *Tittle* that looks like an *Argument* that he brought, or his Second *Bayes*, the *Rehearſal Rehears'd*, then I'll yield the *Victory* to Mr. *Tutchin* and be Content to be his *Mill-Horſe*.

Country-m. But how then can he *Bragg* at this Rate! Aud ſay he has Beaten you upon the Point of *Coercion*, &c,?

(5.) *Rehearſ.* That is but a ſmall part of his *Talents*! But I'll tell you, *Country-man*, he has got a *Receit* how to Anſwer me and all the World.

Country-m. A *Receit* for *Anſwering*! Pray, *Maſter*, let me know what it is.

Rehearſ. He got it one Night at a *Clubb* of *Porters*. He had a *Conſultation* of them to know what to do with the *Rehearſal*. I'll ſet down his *Queres* and their *Solutions*.

Tutchin. I cannot *Anſwer* the *Arguments* in the *Rehearſal*.

1. *Porter.* Then call him *Ill Names* his *Belly-full*.

Tutchin. He Anſwers all my *Objections*, and makes a *Fool* of them.

2. *Porter.* Repeat your *Objections* over again. And never mind his *Anſwers*. And ſee who'll *Tyre* firſt. If he *Repeats* as oft as you, every body will be *weary* of him. But our *Clubbs* will take off your *Papers*.

Tutchin. But he *Inſults* when I cannot *Anſwer*, and Appeals to all the World as to the *Argument*.

3. *Porter.* Do you *Inſult* the ſame way over him. Say that he cannot *Anſwer*, and that you have *Worſted* him in the *Argument*.

Tutchin. He *Expoſes* my *Perſon* too, and my *Parts*; not In ſuch *Language* as I have Learn'd from your Converſation, but in ſuch *Characters* and *Epithets*, as makes every Body *Laugh* at me.

4. *Porter.* Return the ſame *Characters* and *Epithets* upon him. And we'll *Laugh* at him, and call it a good *Jeſt*.

Tutchin. But Men of *Senſe* ſee this. And if the World ſhou'd grow *Wiſe*, it will make me ten times more *Ridiculous*.

5. *Porter.* Stay till that *Day*. You'r in no *Danger*. You have got the *Fools* and *Knaves* on your ſide. The *Cry* is on your ſide, an *Hundred* to *One*. *Hollo* Boys, *Hollo*— We'll *Drownd* the Men of *Senſe*, they ſhall never be *Heard*! And we'll Call them the *Fools*, and put it to the *Vote*. And do's not the *Majority* Carry it?

(6) *Country-m.* I profeſs, *Maſter*, he has follow'd theſe *Inſtructions* moſt Exactly. I remember in your Diſpute with him about the 3 *Eſtates*, you brought *Acts* of *Parliament*, the *Common Prayers* of the *Church*, and other Irrefragable *Proofs*. To which he Anſwer'd not one word. But ſtill *Repeated* his own *Poſition*, That the *King* (or *Queen*) was one of the 3 *Eſtates*. And you Preſſing him oft for an *Anſwer*, and not being able to get any other from him, you Compar'd him at laſt to a *Cuckoo*, that had but one *Note*, and cou'd not be Beaten from it. He thought this a pretty *Jeſt*, and immediatly Call'd you a *Cuckoo*. And like a *Cuckoo*, has *Repeated* it upon you, 20 times ſince.

You Quoted an *Act* of *Parliament* Calling ſome Folks *Fanatick Miſcreants*. In the next *Obſervator* he call'd the *Rehearſal* a *Meſcreant*, and a *Fanatick*. And gave the *Title* of *Fanaticks* to the *Church*, in Abundance of his ſucceeding *Obſervators*, as did alſo Mr: *Review*. And the *Fanaticks* being likewiſe Call'd *Enthuſiaſts*, they charge *Enthuſiaſm* upon the *Church*. (If you are for calling *Ill Names*!) And the *Obſervator* calls you an *Enthuſiaſt* for Quoting the Holy *Scriptures*, which he calls *Dry Hebrew Roots*, and *Pawwawing*, that is, *Conjuring*. To which when you had Anſwer'd, That your *Rehearſals* cou'd not be call'd *Hebrew Roots*, and that you had never ſet up any *Revelation* but that in the Holy *Scriptures*, which therefor he muſt mean by *Pawwawing*. He offers at no *Anſwer* to this, or any *Vindication* of himſelf; But *Repeats* his own words over and over again, and ſtill Fixes the *Charge* upon you.

And thus he has ſerv'd you in the buſineſs of *Coercion*, and ſays he has *Worſted* you, and Beat you Quite out of the *Field*. And in his of the 12th, paſt, *Vol.* 5. N. 95. Threatens to do the ſame as to the *Queen* being *Head* of the *Church*, to lay you as *flat as a Flounder*, *as I did* (ſays he) *in the COERCION Point.*

(7.) *Rehearſ.* And juſt ſo he has done! Anſwer'd nothing to what I have ſaid, but runs Riot after his own Imaginations. I Quoted the 37th *Article*, and ſet it down *Verbatim*, that every one might ſee and conſider it; how it *Limits* and *Explains* the *Supremacy* of the *Crown* to extend only to the *Civil Sword*: Tho' that may be Exercis'd in *Eccleſiaſtical Cauſes*, and over *Eccleſiaſtical Perſons*. To this he ſays nothing, but in the *Obſervator* you juſt now nam'd, he catches hold of the word *Godly Princes*, and thence Infers, That *this Prerogative is given only to Godly Princes*. And ſo he Excludes K. *Char.* II. *Jam.* II. And whom he Pleaſes. Which is ſo *Fooliſh*, that it is not worth Anſwering. One *King* or *Queen* may be better than another as to the *Adminiſtration* of their *Power*; But the *Power* of the *Crown* is ſtill the ſame, whoever wears it. And that Expreſſion in the *Article* that this *Power* was *Given by God himſelf to all Godly Princes*, ſhews that the *Power* here ſpoke of was 'a *Lawful* Power, which *Godly Princes* might Exerciſe, and not what *Wicked Princes* might Aſſume to themſelves. And this *Power* being ſaid to be Given by *God Himſelf*, Excludes the *People*, and ſhews whence all *Lawful Power* is *Deriv'd*. It is not ſaid, Given by *God*, by the Intervention of the *People*, but by *God Himſelf*. From whom *Alone* all *Authority* upon *Earth* as well as in *Heaven* is *Deriv'd*, and from *None* other.

(8.) Then he go's on and tells how the *Pope* aſſum'd the Title of *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*, &c. But what is that to our Purpoſe? Unleſs it be to ſhew, That the *Obſervator* and the *Rights* have far Exceeded the *Pope* in theſe *Blaſphemies*. For the *Pope* meant this only of *Wordly Kings* and *Lords*, and calls himſelf the *Vicar* of *Chriſt*. But theſe *Advocats* for the *Power* of the *People*, that is, of *Themſelves*, have Advanc'd *Themſelves* Above *God*, and made *Him* their *Vicar* and *Repreſentative*, as *Deriving* His *Power* from *Them*!

(9.) *Country-m.* In the *Obſervator* of the 19th paſt, *Num.* 97. he makes this Excuſe for Q. *Elizabeth* giving up the *Title* of *Head* of the *Church*, and ſays, it was *by Reaſon of her SEX*.

Rehearſ. Yet he wou'd have Q. *Ann* take it up! He *Swims* (in his Argument) like a *Hog*, who Cuts its *Throat* with its own *Paws*.

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